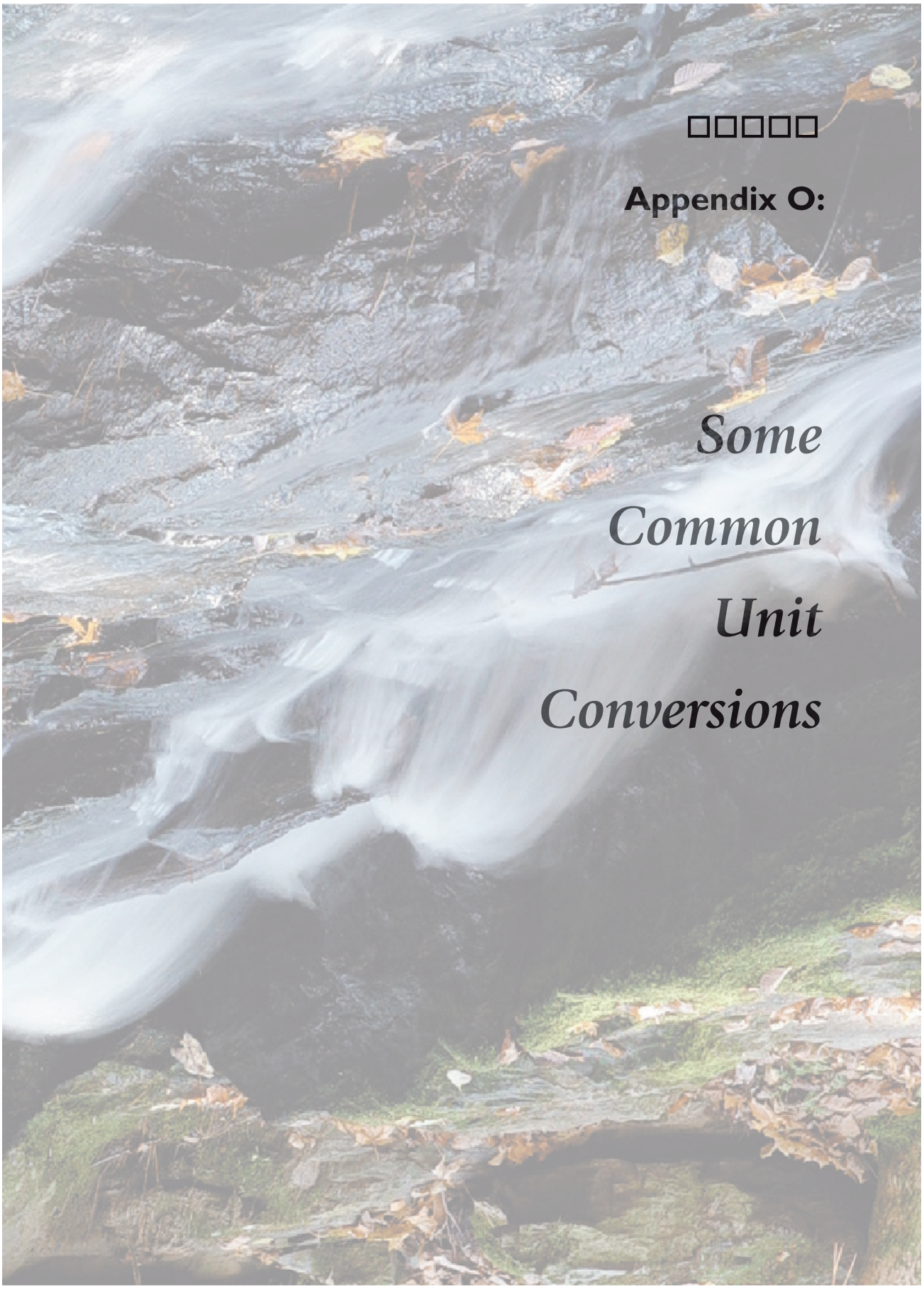

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Concentration Notes:

- **The symbol " ≈ " means approximately.**

  1 milligram (mg) = 1 x 10^{-3} gram = 0.001 gram
  1 microgram (µg) = 1 x 10^{-6} gram = 0.000001 gram
  1 milliliter (mL) = 1 x 10^{-3} liter = 0.001 liter

- **Concentrations of various water quality parameters are usually measured in:**

  milligrams per liter (mg/L) — or —
  micrograms per liter (µg/L).
  (To convert between the two: 1 mg/L = 1,000 µg/L)

  Also used to measure concentration are the units "parts per million" (ppm) and "parts per billion" (ppb). For general purposes, one can use the following very simple conversions: 1 ppm ≈ 1 mg/L and 1 ppb ≈ 1 µg/L

Length:

1 millimeter (mm) = 1 x 10^{-3} meter = 0.001 meter
1 micrometer (µm) = 1 x 10^{-6} meter = 0.000001 meter

Estimating Total Dissolved Solids from Electrical Conductivity:

To convert total dissolved solids (TDS) to electrical conductivity (a measure of salinity): the TDS concentration in mg/L is approximately 65 percent of the electrical conductivity value in µS/cm.

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